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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ACCESSION TO RECAAP UNLIKELY UNLESS
OTHER EU COUNTRIES SIGN-ON

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MFA Director for Asian and Oceanic Affairs Luis Cabaco told Post that Portugal agrees with the principles of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery (ReCAAP), but that it does not have significant shipping interests in Asia. He agreed to share information about ReCAAP with government colleagues and with the Portuguese Mission in Brussels for further consideration. If other EU countries sign-on, Cabaco noted, it is possible that the Portuguese government will be more motivated to accede.

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